

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S3239–S3289*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 911–918, and S. Res. 111. **Pages S3272–73**

**Measures Passed:**

**Casimir Pulaski:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 5, proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously. **Page S3283**

**Commemorating Founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 14, commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, a leading association for the 1,300,000 United States citizens of Greek ancestry and Philhellenes in the United States. **Pages S3283–84**

**Preserving United States Attorney Independence Act:** Senate began consideration of S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, agreeing to the committee amendment, which will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3240–66**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 459, to ensure that United States attorneys are promptly nominated by the President, and are appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. **Pages S3251–53**

Sessions Amendment No. 460, to require appropriate qualifications for interim United States attorneys. **Pages S3153–66**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007; that there be 90 minutes of debate on the bill and the pending amendments to run concurrently with the time equally divided and controlled by the Majority and Republican Leaders, or their designees; that upon the use, or yielding back of time, but not later than 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on, or in relation to, Kyl Amendment No. 459 (listed above), to be followed

by a vote on, or relation to, Sessions Amendment No. 460 (listed above); provided further, that upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time, and Senate vote on final passage of the bill. **Page S3284**

**Calling on the Government of the United Kingdom—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate action on the amendment (Reid for Biden) Amendment No. 463, of a technical nature, to the preamble to H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process, be vitiated. **Page S3283**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Sharion Aycock, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

David R. Dugas, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

James Randal Hall, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia.

Richard H. Honaker, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Richard A. Jones, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army.

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Notices of Hearings/Meetings:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m., and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3284.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Joan S. Brugge, Harvard Medical School Department of Cell Biology, Boston, Massachusetts; Brent Iverson, University of Texas at Austin; Robert Siliciano, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; and Stephen M. Strittmatter, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 1559–1576; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 253 and 255, were introduced. **Pages H2670–71**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H2671–72**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1433, to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–52, Pt. 1) and

H. Res. 254, providing for consideration of H.R. 1227, to assist in the provision of affordable housing to low-income families affected by Hurricane Katrina (H. Rept. 110–53). **Page H2670**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Corrine Brown to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H2625**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2626**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Recognizing the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary:* H. Res. 138, to recognize the importance of Hot Springs National Park on its 175th anniversary, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 157; **Pages H2627–28, H2637–38**

*More Water and More Energy Act of 2007:* H.R. 902, to facilitate the use for irrigation and other purposes of water produced in connection with development of energy resources; **Pages H2628–31**

*Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act:* H.R. 1021, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resources study regarding the suitability and feasibility of designating certain historic buildings and areas in Taunton, Massachusetts, as a unit of the National Park System; **Page H2631**

*Natural Resource Protection Cooperative Agreement Act:* H.R. 658, to authorize the Secretary of